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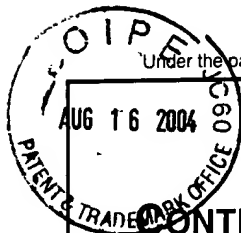
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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/833,038

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Examiner Name

Greene, Daniel

Attorney Docket Number

1035-317

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment in RCEiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.b. ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below:i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$ 770.00ii. ☒ Petition is made to extend the due date 1 months (less _____ months previously paid) \$ 110.00iii. ☐ Other \$ _____c. ☒ Check in the amount of \$880.00 _____ enclosedd. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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AMENDMENT IN RCE

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 19, 2004 (for which petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows (an RCE has been filed herewith):